

# Nordic Tribune

December 2011

## Superintendent Resigns at the End of December

**By: Claude Siders**

I submitted my resignation to the Board of Education at their regular Board meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>, effective December 31<sup>st</sup>. I reported to the Board that I am at a point in my career where I would like to try some other things including exploring the possibility of educational consulting or some other endeavor. I will continue my position as Superintendent at Carney-Nadeau Public Schools at least through June 30, 2012.

I came to North Dickinson County School in July, 2000. The building was in the middle of a \$1,800,000 renovation project and the district was \$330,000 in deficit spending. Painful but necessary staff adjustments had been ongoing before I arrived. Additional staff reductions made in the years that followed along with some modest increases in funding in the first two to three years helped the District return to a positive fund balance.

Then in 2002, the voters of the District passed the first Sinking Fund millage to provide money for capital projects improvements. Over the next five years the building began to slowly change. New lighting and bleachers were added to the gym along with sound dampening material on the ceiling and a complete painting. Improvements were made in the infrastructure of the building including several furnace upgrades and water line replacements. New bleachers were installed on the football field. The track was resurfaced and repainted. Sidewalks were replaced in the front of the building and new parking was added to the upper parking lot. Many smaller projects were completed throughout the building and

grounds.

During this same time, a school improvement committee made up of Board members, administration, staff, students and parents began to meet to study student achievement and to design ways to change our instruction so that all students would be successful. Curriculum mapping and curriculum assessments were added to the tools teachers use to guide their instruction. New textbooks and other teaching materials were purchased. It took several years but student achievement began to rise.

Instructional technology became a major emphasis with students and staff. We were fortunate to receive several technology grants that placed one-on-one computing in the hands of our students. We bought 2 year old laptops from Northern Michigan University in order to get more computers to our students. We were on the cutting edge with the use of Palm handheld devices that were the forerunner of the smartphones.

We were among the first in the UP and state to embrace and use online learning that expanded our curriculum to hundreds of courses that we would never be able to offer our students within the walls of our high school. We partnered with Michigan Technological University to offer real time calculus to our students via the Internet. We began to offer Spanish in grades K-12 two and one half years ago. We partnered with Forest Park Schools to offer Spanish I to their students last year via Interactive TV. That expanded to offering Spanish II as well through ITV this school year.

Through the generous support of the community, a bond passed in August 2010 has allowed us to replace aging technology, old furniture and equipment

and to replace a bus thus freeing up general fund dollars for instruction in the classroom. We have added a third computer lab in the Middle School, a full size Interactive TV (ITV) classroom and an ITV conference room. Our building was connected with fiber optics in the summer of 2010 giving us unlimited Internet access.

Camp Sanford returned to the control of North Dickinson this past summer. Plans are being developed to utilize the camp as an outdoor education site as well as a demonstration site for various types of green energy.

We have hired new teachers and support staff that have strong roots in the community and the ability to deliver a world class education to our students. They are dedicated to making this school the best in the state and to keep it viable for years to come.

I share all these wonderful things with you and know that I didn't make them happen. It involved the entire school and community to do. My hope is that our students, staff, Board and community will appreciate all the many significant advantages that our students have and that each student uses these advantages wisely to learn much, succeed in life and give back to the next generation even more than what they received.

Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this Nordic experience over the past 11 ½ years.



## Kindergarten News

**By: Michelle Mattson**

The month of November has flown by for kindergarten. We have been very busy learning our numbers 11- 20. We have been practicing our letters, sounds, and even some sight words. Next month, the kindergarteners are in for a big surprise. We will be taking an imaginary trip to somewhere special.

## 1st Grade News

**By: Angie Mattson**

The first graders are looking forward to starting the accelerated reader program. We will get busy learning how to use the program after our Christmas break. We are adding and subtracting numbers and are also working on counting by 2's, 5's, 10's and 1's to 100. Thank you parents for listening to your children read their reading homework and returning the folders on time. The kids get to be great readers when they can read to you at home as well as here at school. Please be looking for exchange names to go home early in December for our Christmas party, as well as our party snack list. Also, please label winter clothing! Things are easily mixed up when we are all dressing and undressing at the same time! Thank you!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News

**By: Jennifer Slagle**

We will be having our classroom party on Wednesday, December 21 from 11:20 until 1:00. To help with the cost of Christmas, we will be having a "White Elephant Christmas Party" What this means is that the students will bring in a present from home that belongs to them, but is no longer used. The girls will bring in a girls' gift and the boys will bring in a boys' gift. Please make sure the toy, game, craft item, or sports item is in good condition and originally cost around \$5.00. Please write girls' gift or boys' gift on the name tag. We will be playing BINGO to pick the presents. The kids have been working hard in class, but

please remember to have your child do the weekly reading homework assignment. If anyone would like to come in and do a project or other activity with the class, please do so. We will also be having our Third Grade Sale in January to sell used toys, games, books, and other gifts to raise money for our field trip. Therefore, as you are cleaning house for Christmas, keep in mind that we will be collecting these items in January to sell.

## Physical Education News

**By: Paulette Holmes**

Thank you to everyone who helped the third through eighth grade students raise \$1,015.51 for the American Heart Association. Students and Mrs. Holmes had fun as students drenched her with 203 wet sponges. Thanks again to the community for this outpouring of generosity.

Badminton was the name of the game for middle and high school students in Mrs. Holmes's classes. Students improved their skills of serving, volleying, and using strategies to keep opponents moving. In December, we will be moving on to improve our current levels of fitness (cardiorespiratory strength and endurance, flexibility, agility, and muscular strength and endurance).

Upper elementary students are into basketball fundamentals and fitness.

Early elementary students are exploring motor skills, concepts of space, time, and effort.

## Music Department News

**By: Lisa Anderson**

Congratulations to Andrew Beck, Thomas Briseno, Abby Steinbrecher and Olivia Winkowitsch for being selected into M.S.B.O.A District 14 Honors Band that will be held on December 2nd & 3rd in Negaunee.

The Jr. High Band and H.S. Band will be performing their Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:30 p.m.

Elementary students have been preparing their music for the Elementary Christmas Program to be held on Tuesday, December 20th at 1:30 p.m.

The 5th grade band will perform several selections before K-5 grades sing.

## Library News

**By: Gretchen Siders**

Thank you to everyone who stopped by one of the libraries during the open house on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Jenny Roell won the gift basket. Thank you to the ND PTO for your donations of food and the prize, and to the student volunteers who helped out.

Thanks to a generous donation, new furniture has arrived in the elementary library – three love seats and six chairs are now being used by the students. Stop by and check it out if you are in the building.

New books continue to arrive, including classics and new publications. If you can't find something you're looking for in our libraries, just ask and we will help out. Remember that you can order books from the Nordic Branch of the Dickinson County Library as well.

The Accelerated Reader program is expanding in the elementary. Tests are now taken through an on-line database, which means that many more of our books are available for the AR tests.

## Art Room News

**By: Jeanne Johnson**

We held our first ASA Art Show at North Dickinson and the winner for the month of November was Ellen Murray. Ellen was invited to the Chippewa Club for a luncheon and workshop, where she learned the art of jewelry creation. Her winning artwork will be displayed at Forward Financial Credit Union through the middle of December.

Our first runner-up winner in ND's November Art Show was Benjamin Reith, second place was Taylor Fenner, Chelsey Stroud and Samantha Wickman tied for third. Our next ASA Art Show will be December 7th and 8th. The winner will attend December's luncheon and workshop at the Chippewa Club on December 14th.



## Yearbook Sale!

**By: Jeanne Johnson**

Get your copy of the 2011-2012 yearbooks at a discounted price! The sale will run from now till December 21st. The pre-order price is \$25. AFTER December 21st the price will increase to \$30. Order now before it is too late.

## Yearbook- Senior Ads Tribute

**By: Jeanne Johnson**

Attention parents/ guardians, grandparents, aunts and uncles:

The yearbook committee would like to give you the opportunity to purchase an ad for your graduating son or daughter, niece or nephew that will be placed in our yearbook. The ad may consist of a photograph and/or a special message. This can be a special tribute to your graduating senior. (Baby pictures are especially cute!)

The prices for the ad is \$25 for 1/8 page or \$50 for 1/4 page. Please call school or email me at [jeannejohnson@gonordics.com](mailto:jeannejohnson@gonordics.com) for more information.

## PTO News

**By: Angie Mattson**

Thank you to everyone who sold the 'Jolly Wolly Dips'. This will be our last big fundraiser for the year. The PTO is in need of a parent or grandparent volunteer to total grocery receipts. If you are interested, please let either Angie Mattson or Laurie Balmes know. This is something you can do at home when you have the time and it is a big fund builder for our PTO!

## Sophomore Class Fundraiser

**By: Vicki Lindholm**

The sophomore class will be holding a Holiday Bazaar and raffle on Saturday, December 17 from 10:00 to 4:00. If anyone is interested in having a booth to sell food, crafts, quilts, baked goods, home products, business items etc. please contact Vicki Lindholm at the school or send an email to [ndholidaybazaar@gmail.com](mailto:ndholidaybazaar@gmail.com). Booths are \$15.00 and a donated raffle item. All items will be raffled off at the end of the bazaar. If anyone wants to donate a raffle item and not have a booth

they may do that also. Proceeds will go to the sophomore's spring community service project and other Class of 2014 events.

## Financial Aid Nights

**By: Angela Jungwirth**

Bay College West, Bay College in Escanaba, and Iron Mountain High School (presented by NMU) will be hosting several Financial Aid nights. The information provided applies to ALL students planning to attend college even if the student is attending a college other than Bay or NMU. The meetings will inform students and parents of different options available to pay for college. Bay is no longer coming to the school for a financial aid night, so everyone is encouraged to attend one of the workshops! Locations, dates, and times are as follows:

Location: Fornetti Hall at Bay College West, Iron Mountain

Dates: Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Time: 6:30pm cst

Location: Besse Center at Bay College, Escanaba Campus

Dates: Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Time: 5:30pm cst

Location: Iron Mountain High School Auditorium – Floor C

Date: February 15, 2012

Time: 6:00pm cst

Presented by Northern Michigan University

## Educational Development Plans

**By: Angela Jungwirth**

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have now met with Mrs. Jungwirth as a class to plan their Educational Development Plan (EDP). The students used the Career Cruising program to take assessments that help them learn what types of careers match their interests and skills. The students also planned out what classes they would like to take throughout their high school years. The EDP's will be updated on a yearly basis.

## Pay to Participate Fee

Pay to Participate fees for high school basketball and junior high boys' basketball are now due. The \$40 fee **must be paid in the school office before the first game.** This fee is required for each sport/activity in which a student participates.

## Christmas Band Concert / Elementary Program

The upcoming Christmas Concert is Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. This performance will include both the junior and senior high bands. The Christmas program will be held on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade band will perform along with musical selections by the kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

## Christmas Break

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> is the last day of school before the holiday break. School will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

## Walkers Welcome

Walkers are welcome to use the high school hall before school from 7:00 to 8:00 AM and after school from 3:30-5:00 PM. The weight room will also be open during these times.

## Emergency Closings & Delays

If the school must be closed or the opening delayed because of inclement weather or other conditions, the school will notify the following radio and television stations:

WLUC TV 6, The Bear 93.1, WMIQ 94.1, WIMK 94.3 FM, WZNL 1450 AM, WGLQ 97.1, WCMM 102.5, WGKL 105.5, WCHT 600, WYKX 104.7, WDBC 680 AM, ABC TV 10 (WBUP), WNMU 90.1, WMXG 106.3, WJNR 101.5 FM, WHTO 106.7, WOBE 100.7, WFXD 103.3, WRUP 98.3, WQXO 1400 AM, WKQS 101.9, WIKB 99.1.





## Boys Basketball Schedule Update

When our varsity boys basketball team plays Republic at home on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, our junior varsity will play the Kingsford Freshmen team. Game times are 5:30/7:00 PM. On Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> when our varsity plays at Republic at 6:30 PM and our junior varsity will play the Westwood freshmen team at 5:00 PM. Reminder, our Jr. High boys game on December 8. 7th grade @ 4:30 and 8th grade @ 5:30.

## Board Highlights – November 2011

- Went into closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations strategies, superintendent's evaluation and attorney-client privileged information
- Accepted the resignation of Tom Thomann as the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach and appointed Carl Lemin to fill the vacancy for the 2011-2012 school year
- Accepted the resignation of Claude Siders effective December 31, 2011
- Approved the Spanish II class trip for the summer of 2012
- No action taken on the superintendent's evaluation
- Declared the District the policy holder for all district's health insurance plans
- Adopted the Best Practices Incentive Resolution
- Tabled discussion on direction of Strategic Planning Committee
- Approved the MASB-SEG Property/Casualty Pool Participation Agreement
- Approved the resolution to collect 100% of the district's taxes during the summer of 2012
- Approved the Dickinson-Iron ISD Special Education Contract Agreement
- Adopted the Sinking Fund millage election resolution to request two mills for 10 years starting in 2013

## End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester / Report Cards Issued

Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> is the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. Report cards will be issued on Wednesday, January 25, 2012.

## Tutoring Available

Tutoring is available before school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:20 – 8:20 AM and after school from 3:20-4:20 PM. To schedule tutoring sessions, please contact Ms. Virta or Mr. Sheppard.

## Christmas Jokes

**What do elves learn in school?**

The elf-abet

**What is the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?**

The Christmas alphabet has No L. (Noel)

**What Christmas Carol is a favorite of Parents?**

Silent Night

**Why does Santa have 3 gardens?**

So he can Hoe Hoe Hoe

**What do snowmen eat for breakfast?**

Frosted Flakes

**What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?**

Frostbite

**What kind of bird can write?**

A pen-quin

**What did the ghost say to Santa Claus?**

I'll have a boo Christmas without you

**How do sheep in Mexico say Merry Christmas?**

Fleece Navidad

**What does a cat on the beach have in common with Christmas?**

Sandy Claws!

**What do you get if Santa goes down the chimney when a fire is lit?**

Crisp Cringle

**What kind of candle burns longer, a red candle or a green candle?**

Neither!! Candles always burn shorter.

**Why was Santa's little helper depressed?**

He had low elf esteem

**What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?**

Claustrophobic



<http://holidays.kaboose.com/xmas-games-riddles.html>

# December 2011

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 Tacos Corn Salad Fruit	2 Pepperoni Pizza Sub Salad Fruit
5 Spaghetti Garlic Bread Stick Green Beans Fruit	6 Chicken Nuggets Smiley Potatoes Carrots Sticks and Dip Fruit	7 Corn Dogs Buttered Noodles Peas Fruit	8 Turkey & Cheese Sub Tortilla Chips, Salsa Salad Fruit	9 French Bread Pizza, Salad Fruit
12 Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Fruit	13 Cheeseburger Tater Tots Veggie Fruit	14 Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes/Butter Carrots Fruit	15 Hot Dogs Baked Beans Macaroni Salad Fruit	16 Stuffed Crust Pizza Salad Cookie Fruit
19 French Toast/Syrup Sausage Triangle Tots Fruit	20 Chicken Sandwich Buttered Noodles Veggie Fruit	21 Sloppy Joes French Fries Carrot Sticks Ice Cream Fruit	22	23
			**No School Christmas Break**	
26	27	28	29	30
*****No School Christmas Break*****				

Grades 6-12 have a choice of pizza or third choice of Chicken Sandwich. Students must order their choice with the first hour teacher. All milk served in the cafeteria is 1% or Fat Free. This Menu is subject to change. Meals include condiments, milk, and bread.

Breakfast- Monday: Cereal Fun Box, Tuesday: Egg Patty Homemade Biscuit, Sausage Gravy, Fruit, Wednesday: French Toast, Sausage, Fruit, Thursday: Egg Patty, Homemade Biscuit, Sausage Gravy, Fruit. Friday: Egg Cheese and Sausage Taco, Fruit and Juice.

Programs Prohibit Discrimination on the basis of race national origin, sex and/or handicap. If you feel you have been discriminated against write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington DC 20250

**NORTH DICKINSON HIGH SCHOOL**  
**2011-12 HONOR ROLL – 1<sup>st</sup> NINE WEEKS**

**Academic Distinction** – Grade Point Average of 3.67 to 4.00 – No Grade Low Than B+

**Academic Honor** – Grade Point Average of 3.000 to 3.66 – No Grade Lower Than C+ and not more than one C+

**\*Denotes All “A’s”**

**SENIORS**

**Academic Distinction** - \*Bates, Cuyler  
\*Charlevoix, Brittany  
\*Coonrod, Matthew  
\*Feak, Whitney  
Gerstner, Walter  
\*Hazelwood, Brianne  
\*Hunter, Hannah  
\*Johnson, Cory  
\*King, Teagan  
\*Lundin, Michele  
\*Murray, Ellen  
\*Reith, Benjamin  
\*Roell, Heather  
Thoune, Holly  
\*Thoune, Jenna

**Academic Honor** – Gustafson, Russell  
Harper, Bryon  
Mashak, Paul  
Quadrani, Vincent  
Simondsen, Adam  
Steinbrecher, Dillon  
Sweet, Andrew

**JUNIORS**

**Academic Distinction** - \*Beck, Andrew  
\*Dario, Dylan  
\*Jacobson, Makenzie  
\*Jauquet, Marissa  
\*Johnson, Austin  
\*Mashak, Brady  
\*Peterson, Jack  
\*Steele, Taylor  
\*Toretta Olivia

**Academic Honor** – Carey, Grace  
Conery, Sean  
Fehrle, Austin  
Granquist, Austin  
Pekarek, Kenneth  
Reith, Richard

**SOPHOMORES**

**Academic Distinction** - \*Carey, Cayla  
\*Clark, Justin  
Gustafson, Jr., Bradley  
\*Miller, Hannah  
Nelson, Khea  
\*Rotter, Gina  
\*Schultz, Mathew  
\*Steinbrecher, Abigail  
\*Steinbrecher, Winter  
\*Swiss, Sarah  
\*Voirol, Mikaela

**Academic Honor** – Broeders, Sheila  
Cary, Kimberly  
Gustafson, Meghan  
Hruska, Timothy  
Jauquet, Elly  
O’Neil, Logan  
Wickman, Samantha

**FRESHMEN**

**Academic Distinction** - \*Christian, Jonas  
\*Jauquet, Lee Anne  
\*Roell, Maria  
\*Steele, Lexi  
\*Swiss, Rachel  
\*Swiss, Raymond

**Academic Honor** – Jacobson, Miranda  
Johnson, Reggie  
Priestap, Franchesca  
Roell, Colin  
Smith, Brandie  
Stroud, Chelsey  
Thomann, Jacob  
Wagner, Derek

**NORTH DICKINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**2011-12 HONOR ROLL – 1st NINE WEEKS**

**Academic Distinction** – Grade Point Average of 3.67 to 4.000 – No Grade Low Than B+

**Academic Honor** – Grade Point Average of 3.000 to 3.669 – No Grade Lower Than C+ and not more than one C+

**\*Denotes All “A’s”**

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

**Academic Distinction** - \*Charlevoix, Elizabeth  
\*Chiamulera, Amber  
\*Christian, Mckenna  
\*LaPlaunt, Casey  
Nord, Martha  
\*Smith, Marlana

**Academic Honor** – Ackerman, Ronald  
Casey, Bryce  
Casey, Dayton  
Pekarek, Kimberly  
Priestap, Brody  
Segerdahl, Savannah  
St. Onge, Bailey  
Toretta, Jesse

**7<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

**Academic Distinction** - \*Alexa, Austin  
\*Borvan, Sara  
Carlson, Aleesha  
Johnson, Riley  
\*Kaminski, Haley  
\*O’Neil, Garrett  
\*Slagle, Cody

**Academic Honor** – Curtis, Austin  
Dario, Ciara  
Hood, Kaitlyn  
Lindholm, Claire  
Mattson, Hunter  
Morkin, Cassidy  
Nord, Veronica  
Williams, Kiela

**6<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

**Academic Distinction** - \*Gerstner, Andrea  
Johnson, Gabriel  
Johnson, Reighan  
\*Miller, Jared  
\*Nelson, John

**Academic Honor** – Christian, Toriana  
Kaminski, Brogan  
Segerdahl, Lily